September, 2002 and in a National Seminar on Unorganised Sector workers held on 7-8 November, 2002. A tripartite Committee meeting is also proposed to be convened in the month of February, 2003 for processing the recommendations. These processes are to bring about a workable consensus for implementation of the recommendations of the Commission.

Land for housing scheme for EPF members

1741. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken initiative to request the State Governments to provide land at cheaper rates for housing for workers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action proposed to implement the scheme for the EPF members?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) to (c) The Central Board of Trustees, Employees Provident Fund (EPF) at its 158th meeting held on 22.10.2002 has, in principle, approved launching of a housing scheme for EPF subscribers. A Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri S. Gopalan, Ex-Secretary, Labour and Ex-Secretary General of Lok Sabha, has been constituted to explore the feasibility of the Housing Scheme for worker members alongwith other related issues. The State Governments have been addressed to make the land available at subsidized rates for making affordable housing for EPF subscribers.

Night shopping in Delhi

1742. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to allow night shopping in Delhi, as per the media reports in the Times of India dated the 16th August, 2002;

(b) if so, the areas where this night shopping would be allowed and the hours of working of these shops; and

(c) whether this would not infringe the provisions of the shops and Establishment Act?